

Appl. No. : 10/635,423  
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### REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2006 in the above captioned application. In the Office Action, Claims 1-12 were allowed and Claims 13-15 were rejected over prior art. In this Amendment, Claims 13-15 have been canceled. No claims have been added or amended. Claims 1-12 remain pending.

Claims 13-15 were rejected in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,645,246 B1 issued to Weinschenk et al. (Weinschenk). Applicant does not necessarily agree with this rejection and respectfully traverses the rejection and the Examiner's assertions regarding what the prior art shows or teaches. Although Claims 13-15 have been canceled, no acquiescence or estoppel is or should be implied thereby. Rather, the claims were cancelled only to expedite prosecution of the present application, and without prejudice to presentation or assertion, in the future, of claims on the subject matter affected thereby.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection set forth in the Office Action is moot. Accordingly, issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the Office Action and to place the application in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney, Andrew Douglas at (949) 721-7623 (direct) to resolve such issues promptly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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